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TO: IMMEDIATE WHITE HOUSE//SITUATION ROOM FOR MR FAZIO.Y

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ITEM NO: WH-1

DATE: 9 NOVEMBER 1974

SUBJECT: PRESS REPORTS ~~SE~~ ALLEGING "TENSE SITUATION" NEAR SOUTH VIETNAMESE  
OIL RIGS UNCONFIRMED

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PRESS REPORTS THAT THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE NAVY HAS RUSHED A  
"FLOTILLA" OF SHIPS TO PROTECT OFFSHORE OIL RIGS FROM POSSIBLE  
ATTACK BY COMMUNIST CHINESE VESSELS ARE INACCURATE. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] HAS REPORTED [REDACTED]  
THAT NO EMERGENCY HAS BEEN DECLARED AND THAT SENIOR VIETNAMESE  
MILITARY OFFICERS IN THE JOINT GENERAL STAFF ARE UNAWARE OF ANY  
POTENTIAL CONFLICT BREWING IN THE AREA.

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[REDACTED] THERE HAVE BEEN 3 TO 6 CHINESE MERCHANT  
SHIPS IN THE AREA OF THE OIL RIGS SINCE DRILLING OPERATIONS  
BEGAN SEVERAL MONTHS AGO, AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS HAD ONE

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VESSEL IN THE AREA PERIODICALLY. NO CLASHES HAVE OCCURRED. THE OIL RIGS, OPERATED BY A US OIL CONCERN, ARE ROUGHLY 120 MILES OFF SOUTH VIETNAM'S MEKONG DELTA. E-2 IMPDET.H

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